

**A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR ADDING A NEW MEMBER TO
AN ACTIVE GROUP CALL IN A GROUP COMMUNICATION
NETWORK**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0181] A method and apparatus for adding a member to an active call in a group communication network provides for receiving a member list from a user and sending a request to a server to add the member list to the active group call. The method and apparatus further provides for announcing each member in the member list that they are being added to the group call, receiving acknowledgement from a member who wishes to participate in the group call, and forwarding media to the member. The method and apparatus also provides for a significant reduction in the actual total dormancy wakeup time and latency by exchanging group call signaling even when mobiles are dormant and no traffic channel is active.

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